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THE MINER feels as if an apology is due the reader whenever space in these columns is devoted to the Blue Mountain American. These kindergarten bickerings are not to THE MINER'S taste; but the American is such an irredeemable, inexcusable, irritating liar that this matter resolves itself into a question of self defense for this paper to occasionally call attention to its tactics.

Of course, what is said of the American applies to its editor, one Edward Everett Young, who makes that paper dispicable. The keynote of his policy is to pretend to be all that is admirable, to continually sound his own praises and belittle others. He is not a Pharisee; he does not believe that he is better than others, but thinks that by continually declaring such to be the case he can make others believe it. He would, apparently, rather seem to be than to be.

To illustrate, to abandon generalities and deal with facts, let's investigate a paragraph or two in the last issue of the American. An editorial makes the insinuating claim that an advertisement in that paper induced somebody to buy all the stock offered for sale in the California Mining company. The facts in the case are these: When the gentlemen who are promoting that very excellent proposition went east to secure capital for the development of the mine, they ordered a number of papers sent to the addresses of those whom they were endeavoring to interest. This was continued for some weeks. Finally they instructed their local representative to stop sending the paper to any one with whom they were trying to do business; stating that it had "knocked" several deals. Every issue is filled with accusations of the dishonesty of prominent citizens and cowardly insinuations of disreputable practices of somebody. This shakes the confidence in the people of this district of those who don't know the character and motives of the man who writes such stuff, and much damage has been done to Sumpter and the surrounding country by the distribution of this brand of literature. But this is the mission of the paper. It was bought and is being run as the organ of the "bears," the "knockers."

Young wants to get out a special edition of the American to do as much damage as possible at the Pan-American exposition and, incidentally, to flim-flam this community out of what money there is in it. So he seats himself with pen in hand, and writes a communication from a "Working Miner," suggesting that the files of the paper be relished, warmed over, and served as a Pan-American exposition special edition. That communication has the unmistakable donkey ear marks of Edward Everett Young.

Once again, this fakir hungers and thirsts for political recognition. His scheme is to get in with the winning side. That is why he is a republican for the time being, and that is why he licked Harvey Scott's boots until recently. All during the senatorial contest, he published no word for or against any candidate. He was intently studying the situation, hoping to connect himself in some way with the gilded musical vehicle. This is the way he did it. He went down to Portland and Salem near the close of the ses-

sion and when Mitchell was elected, stepped to the front of the stage as an ardent Mitchell man and claimed the nomination for state printer as a reward for services rendered—in his mind. He returned to Sumpter and induced his running mate S. Heel Shutt to publish in the Granite Gem an item giving him the credit of Mitchell's election. This he reprinted in the American and slobbered over, as if somebody could be thus induced to believe that there were some truth in the silly statement. He can't get the delegation from his own county or precinct, even with John's assistance, for the coveted nomination for state printer.

(To be continued, if necessary, with special chapters on mining stocks, wild cats and coons.)

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